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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2739. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 68-541, as amended by Public Law 102-246, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, appoints Tom Luce, of Texas, as a member of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a term of five years.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA). The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes on each side.

#### CONGRATULATING RYDER SYSTEM, INC., AND GREGORY T. SWINTON ON RECEIPT OF 2002 GREEN CROSS FOR SAFETY AWARD

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Ryder Systems, a leader in supply chain and transportation management, and especially its President and Chief Executive Officer, Gregory T. Swinton. The National Safety Council has selected Ryder and Mr. Swinton to receive the Council's 2002 Green Cross for Safety.

This award is given for exemplary commitment to workplace safety and corporate citizenship. Mr. Swinton is the first supply chain and transportation executive to receive this honor. Since joining Ryder in 1999, Mr. Swinton has identified safety as one of the company's top five goals.

Please join me in congratulating and recognizing the wonderful safety standards that Ryder has achieved, and most especially Gregory T. Swinton for his commitment to recognizing the importance of safety in our workplace.

#### LOOPHOLES IN GUN SAFETY LAWS MUST BE CLOSED

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my deepest sympathy to the families of the Reverend Larry Penzes and Eileen Tosner. Both were fatally shot last week during a 9 a.m. mass at Our Lady of Peace Church in Lynbrook, Long Island. My heart is with the parishioners, the clergy and staff of Our Lady of Peace who witnessed this brutal violence.

However, what is equally disturbing is that this could have been prevented. The assailant had a history of mental health problems. However, he was able to purchase a rifle several days before the attack because most States do not provide mental health records to FBI NICS database.

According to the General Accounting Office, for every 75,000 people who attempt to buy a gun, only one was denied through NICS based on the mental health criteria. This is one of the loopholes in our gun safety laws that must be closed.

Gun violence wreaks havoc in our lives in various ways, not the least of which is the loss of safe places in our communities. If we are not safe in our churches, our schools, our trains, where are we going to be safe?

I urge this body to seriously consider the havoc gun violence creates in our society. Better yet, consider its effect on your community. It can happen anywhere.

#### RECOGNIZING KIM MENESINI, D.A.R.E. EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FOR NEVADA

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the effort of Ms. Kim Menesini, who was recently named the D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year for Nevada.

As a resident of Nevada for 25 years and as a teacher in Lyon County for over 20 years, Ms. Menesini has remained committed to ensuring that her students not only learn how to read and write and do the basic mathematics, but also how to just say "no" to drugs and alcohol.

Ms. Menesini has been involved with the Nevada D.A.R.E. drug program for more than 10 years, because this program tries to help kids build strength through self-esteem and offers them alternatives to saying "no" to drugs and alcohol.

According to Lyon County Deputy Sheriff Patrick Marble, Ms. Menesini's fifth grade students at Sutro Elementary School in Dayton, Nevada, know that she will support and guide them in a positive and loving way. There are

reasons the students love and respect her.

Congratulations, Ms. Menesini, on your award, and thank you for your dedication to the children of Nevada and for the future of our Nation.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET OPENS SOCIAL SECURITY LOCKBOX

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Social Security and the President's budget. As we all know, the budget resolution is going to come to the House today, and I think it is very important that we highlight what the budget will do to Social Security.

Not too long ago, I stood up here with over 400 of my Democratic and Republican colleagues and voted for a lockbox for Social Security. We made a promise to the American people that we would not spend any Social Security dollars on anything but Social Security.

But, Mr. Speaker, that is just what the Republican budget resolution does. It spends \$1.6 trillion of Social Security dollars to fund other things like the tax cuts. That is not my analysis, that is Congressional Budget Office analysis. Instead, we should be doing something to address the impending baby-boomer retirement.

I invite my Republican colleagues to sit down with myself and the rest of the Democrats to develop a sound plan for the future of Social Security and the rest of the budget. We need a plan that preserves Social Security, not one that uses the money to fund other agenda items.

#### REMEMBERING MARTIN AND GRACIA BURNHAM

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 298th day that Martin and Gracia Burnham have been held captive by Muslim terrorists in the Philippines.

A couple of weeks ago our spirits were raised as we heard of a new video showing Martin and Gracia. Our initial enthusiasm at the confirmation that they are still alive and healthy quickly dissipated as we realized the videotape was much older than claimed. Though the cameraman claims the tape is from mid-January, many signs point to it being shot much earlier, earlier even than the tape released in December.

Martin and Gracia's clothes are in much better condition than in the video shot in November. Martin is not wearing glasses that he received in November and wore on the previous video. Martin's beard is shorter, and the Burnhams are much healthier looking